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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98,162)

In re Application of: )  
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DeGendt, et al. )  
) Group Art Unit: 1746  
Serial No.: 09/022,834 )  
) Examiner: Ahmed  
Filed: February 13, 1998 )  
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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING ORGANIC )  
CONTAMINANTS FROM A )  
A SEMICONDUCTOR SURFACE )

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2001**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please  
enter the following remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

**REMARKS**

***Claim Objections***

In paragraph three of the Office Action, claim 42 was objected to under 37 C.F.R.  
§1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a  
previous claim. The Office Action states that claim 42 fails to further limit the subject matter of  
the previous claim (claim 41). Claim 41 recites the limitation "the proportion of said additive in

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